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Title: Reported attack on Sundaraiah Vignana Kendram, a cultural Centre at Hyderabad.

DR. BABU RAO MEDIYAM (BHADRACHALAM): Sir, this is an important matter which I want to bring to the notice of the Minister of Home Affairs and the Minister of Culture. It is regarding an attack on a cultural centre at Hyderabad recently. This Centre is working for the last 25 years. They are promoting training and research in classical dance, fine arts and contemporary political movement.[R88]

This was a research centre. Hundreds of people from various States came there to study and for making use of the reference library. This centre had a very big library and two auditoriums. This library had a collection of about two and a half lakh books, especially Urdu literature. There were about 60 titles in Urdu literature. This was one of the biggest libraries in the country. This was burnt down by the attackers. The State Government was impressed by the activities of the centre. The Centre had given a special package for extension of the reference and research library which was inaugurated by the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Arjun Singh recently. Such a prestigious institution was attacked by suspected communal elements.

Hence I would like to request the Central Government to take necessary action in the matter to restore the prestige of this institution by giving aids for the books lost and also the photographs.